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20 October 1959

SECURITY COMMITTEE
OF THE
U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Security Committee

SUBJECT : Draft of Proposed Presidential Directive

1. The Chairman has discussed the proposed Presidential directive with the Chairman of the COMINT Committee and certain changes have been agreed upon subject to the approval of the Committee members. These changes are principally reflected in paragraph 3 and it is proposed that if the directive is approved the Security Committee in coordination with the COMINT Committee will have prepared an outline of suggested steps which the Intelligence Chiefs in each Department and Agency may present to the head of the Department for implementation of the Presidential directive.
2. The Chairman, on 20 October 1959, briefed the U. S. Intelligence Board of the proposed Security Committee action including the revised Presidential directive. The Board informally approved the Security Committee approach to this problem and directed that the matter be formally presented to the Board on 27 October 1959.
3. There is attached the proposed revised Presidential directive. It is requested that the members of the Committee telephone their concurrence by close of business Thursday, October 22. If there is any serious difference on the proposal, it will be necessary to call a special meeting of the Security Committee for Friday afternoon, 23 October 1959.

[Redacted Signature]

Chairman

Attachment:
As stated above

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Offices of the White House
Secretary of State
Secretary of Defense
Secretary of the Treasury
Secretary of Commerce
The Attorney General
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Public Disclosure of Intelligence Information

1. The continuing success of the intelligence effort of this Government is being adversely affected by the appearance in public information media of intelligence information that has not been authorized for disclosure. Sources and methods of a continuing nature of intelligence collection have been jeopardized and in some instances irreparable harm has been done to the intelligence effort. I am gravely concerned over the serious damage thus caused to national security.

2. Extensive inquiries have been conducted concerning certain of these disclosures; however, ^{responsibility for the releases} the releasing authority has not been determined. It is clear, moreover, that many recipients of sensitive intelligence have not sufficiently been made aware of the detrimental effect which their disclosures may have on the success of the intelligence effort. I emphasize that no intelligence information can be made public without a determination through the prescribed channels of the advantages which are expected to accrue to

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the United States, including in each case an assessment by the Intelligence Chief of the risks to the sources and methods involved.

3. I direct immediate action be taken to insure that the release of intelligence and intelligence information be made solely in consonance with existing statutes and regulations. I desire that an awareness of the harm that can result to intelligence sources and methods be brought to the attention of all recipients of sensitive intelligence information. Existing mechanisms for accomplishing the public release of intelligence and intelligence information shall be reviewed and if found inadequate corrective action ^{will} should be taken, *Applicable legislation will be reviewed further and by* including a proposed legislative program if deemed essential. The Director of Central Intelligence shall keep me informed concerning developments under this directive and make recommendations as may be appropriate.

improving the protection of ^{sensitive} information and intelligence sources and methods.

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